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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE MODIFICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY'S TARIFF TO THE MANUAL METER READING CHARGE	Docket No. 21-057-T04 DOMINION ENERGY UTAH'S REPLY COMMENTS
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Pursuant to the Notice of Reply Comment Period issued on May 27, 2021 in the above-referenced docket (Notice), Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or Company) respectfully submits these reply comments to the Utah Division of Public Utilities' (Division) Action Request Response, filed on May 20, 2021.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2021, the Company requested that the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) approve changes to Section 2.02 of the Company's Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500 (Tariff) to assess the currently-effective \$20 per month manual meter reading fee upon customers who fail to provide the Company access to their meters for transponder replacements and other maintenance. The Company believes that the imposition of this additional cost will incent customers to provide the Company with access to difficult to reach meters when the Company requires it. On May 20, 2021, the Division filed an Action Request response. The Company provides these reply comments

to provide clarification and to respond to the Division's proposals.

DISCUSSION

In its reply comments the Division recognizes that the \$20 monthly manual meter fee may provide a financial incentive for those customers who have not yet provided the Company access to the Itron meter to do so. The Division suggests, however, that this measure be temporary in nature, and that the Company be given a five-month limitation to assess this charge. The Company agrees with this recommendation and will apply to the Commission on or before November 1, 2021 to remove the language proposed in this docket from Section 2.02 of the Tariff. The Company will propose that the change become effective on or before December 1, 2021.

The Division also requested that the Commission direct Dominion Energy to make a final attempt to replace the transponders before implementing the charge. Should the Tariff provision be approved, Dominion Energy plans to communicate to the customer that access to the meter is required, and that denial of access to the meter could result in an additional monthly charge of \$20 per month.

Finally, in its Action Request Response, the Division suggested that the Company's use of the term "difficult to reach" may not be well defined or well understood. In an effort to clarify the use of the term, the Company offers the following information. Currently, there are 18 inaccessible meters remaining. Six of those meters are behind locked gates. Twelve of the meters are in buildings that either have no occupant or an occupant that is difficult to contact. The Company hopes this clarifies the matter.

CONCLUSION

The Company agrees with the Division's recommendations and respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed Tariff changes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of June, 2021.

DOMINION ENERGY UTAH



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of Dominion Energy Utah's Reply

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